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In re application of:

RYOU NAKAGAKI et al.

Application No.: 09/823,638

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For: METHOD FOR CLASSIFYING
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Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed March 7, 2003, please enter the following amendments and remarks:

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this paper.

Amendments to the Drawings begin on page 8 of this paper and include an attached replacement sheet.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 9 of this paper.